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DECLARATION OF LOUIS S. SORELL

I, Louis S. Sorell, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a patent attorney and have been a partner in the law firm of Baker Botts LLP ("the Firm") since November, 1997. I have the primary responsibility for the prosecution of the above-identified U.S. patent application.

2. On October 9, 2001, I caused a Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) to be filed for the above-identified patent application.

3. I caused European Patent Application No. 02021266.8 to be filed in the European Patent Office on September 19, 2002. European Patent Application No. 02021266.8 claims priority from and is directed to the invention disclosed in the above-identified U.S. patent application.

4. I unintentionally failed to file a request to rescind the previously filed Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) within 45 days of the filing of European Patent Application No. 02021266.8. I did not realize this unintentional error until January 22, 2003, when I was reviewing the status of the subject U.S. patent application.

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5. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

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